



— WORD FROM THE EDITOR —

Since August, Union Station Redevelopment Corporation (USRC) and Union Station have been busy. We hope you enjoy reading about the exciting awards, news, events, and projects in our Autumn 2017 newsletter. Happy Thanksgiving to you all.

— AWARDS AND RECOGNITION —

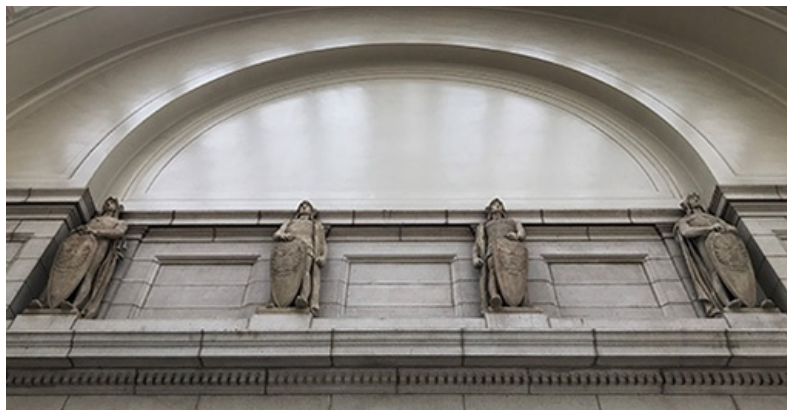
UNION STATION INCLUDED IN MOST BEAUTIFUL STATIONS LISTS

USRC was pleased to learn that Union Station was featured in not one, but two, most beautiful stations lists. On September 29th, Fodor's Travel included Union Station in an article entitled "[These 11 Train Stations Are So Beautiful You'll Never Want to Fly Again](#)". Then, Lonely Planet featured Union Station in the article "[Are these the most beautiful train stations in the world?](#)" on October 16th. What an honor!

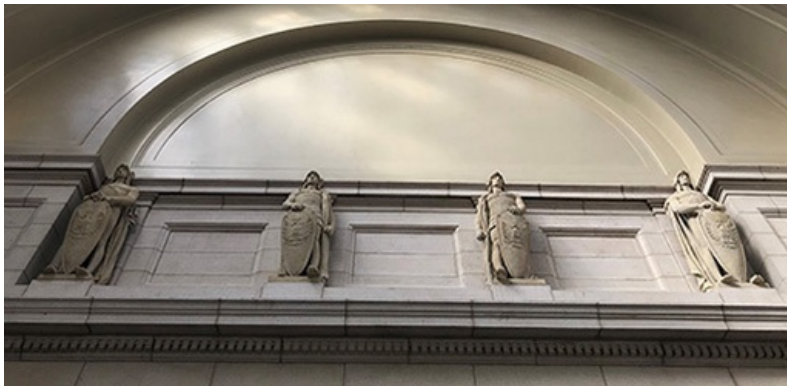
— NEWS AND EVENTS —

WEST HALL ROMAN LEGIONNAIRES RESTORED

From October 23rd to November 1st, [Materials Conservation Co., LLC](#) restored the Roman Legionnaires in the West Hall. This important initiative was undertaken with funds received through the successful Cities crowdfunding campaign. USRC would like to once again thank all donors for their contributions, as well as the [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#), [Heineken USA](#), [Indiegogo](#), and [Bruno Mars](#) for their collaboration on this campaign. Please stop by the station to see the beautifully restored Roman Legionnaires. Below you can see photos before and after the conservation effort.



Before the Restoration



After the Restoration

UPCOMING PUBLIC EVENTS AT UNION STATION

At 6:00pm on November 29th, in continuation of a 21-year tradition, the Norwegian Embassy, on behalf of the citizens of Norway, will present a Christmas tree to the people of Washington, DC. This generous gift symbolizes gratitude for the assistance Norway received during WWII and appreciation for the strong friendship between the two countries.

This year's theme highlights Norway's positive impact on the United States economy. Have you ever wondered how many jobs Norway creates and supports in the U.S.? You can find out on November 29th at our event program featuring Norway's Ambassador to the United States, His Excellency Kåre R. Aas, and other special guests.

After the tree lighting and remarks, there will be a Norwegian Christmas concert. Also, rumor has it, Santa Claus will make an appearance!

Come one, come all for this wondrous occasion.

PRIVATE TOURS AT UNION STATION

Recently, USRC has led three tours of the station:

[Atlas Obscura Tour](#)

On November 5th, in collaboration with [Atlas Obscura](#) and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, USRC President and CEO Beverley Swaim-Staley and Archivist Sarah Mayersohn led a group of 25 people on a behind-the-scenes tour of Union Station. In addition to visiting the West, East, and Main Halls, the participants were taken to areas usually not accessible to the general public, including:

- the Presidential Suite,
- the balcony area to see the Roman Legionnaires up close, and
- the H Street Bridge underpass.

The tour participants enjoyed learning about the station and its history. Many thanks to all who attended.

[Russian Disability Rights Advocates Tour](#)

On November 1st, in collaboration with the [Maryland Leningrad Sister State Committee](#) and the [Open World Leadership Center](#) at the Library of Congress, USRC was honored to organize a tour of Union Station for a group of disability rights advocates visiting from St. Petersburg, Russia. The tour commenced in the station's glorious Main Hall and then proceeded to the metro, the train tracks, and the bus deck. Many thanks to representatives from WMATA, Amtrak, and Megabus for joining the tour and explaining their companies' policies and initiatives with regard to persons with disabilities. All participants and speakers had a good time and learned a lot.

[American Planning Association Tour](#)

As part of their Annual Conference, 20 members of the [Nation Capital Area Chapter of the American Planning Association](#) (APA) took a tour of Union Station on October 27, 2017. Representatives from APA, Amtrak, and USRC informed the participants about the station's history, as it relates to transportation planning and recently completed projects. The group then went to the Claytor Concourse and some of Amtrak's back-of-house areas to learn about the upcoming renovation of the concourse, as well as some of the current projects that are being performed in the lead-up to the renovation. The tour ended on the parking garage deck, which provides a stunning view of the rail yard and train operations, where ongoing planning efforts for the station expansion environmental review, traffic planning challenges on H Street, and the air rights development were discussed.

— UNION STATION PROJECTS —

RETAIL CONCOURSE CEILING RESTORATION

The Retail Concourse ceiling repairs were completed on November 14, 2017. The restoration, which began in April 2016, included strengthening of the barrel-vaulted ceiling structure and face repairs to the plaster coffers. The significant restoration can be seen by walking through the Retail Concourse Mezzanine and looking up to the freshly-painted ceiling and sparkingly clean laylight glass.

UNION STATION DOOR LOCKING

In order to enhance security in the station, USRC; property manager, [JLL](#); and Amtrak have partnered on the Overnight Limited Access Plan. As part of the plan, the three main sets of doors at the front of the station will be the only points of entry between 12am and 5am - all other exterior doors will be locked during this time. It is important to note that the station will remain open. Any ticketed passengers or employees of the station will be allowed to enter and exit through the Main Hall doors located at the front colonnade. Additionally, the parking garage will continue to be a 24/7 operation, maintaining regular access to the station and H Street NE. For further information, please contact Rachel Kohli at rkohli@usrcdc.com.

FAST CHARGING STATIONS FOR EV TAXIS AT UNION STATION

A public-private partnership (PPP) between the District of Columbia [Department of For-Hire Vehicles](#) (DFHV), [ChargePoint](#), Transco, and Union Station has resulted in the installation of two fast charging stations in the Union Station Parking Garage for the exclusive use of the District's electric vehicle (EV) taxicabs. This project improves the infrastructure to encourage the transition to electric taxis. As part of a robust plan to build additional fast charging stations around the city, DFHV provided partial funding through a competitive grant program; ChargePoint supports all of the technology that powers this network (including charging station hardware, energy management software, and a mobile app); Transco handles the administration of these units; and Union Station provides oversight of the infrastructure and operations. Below is a photo of the PPP team at one of the fast charging stations.



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— A PIECE OF HISTORY —

FEATURE PHOTO



People waiting in the Main Hall in November 1942

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